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MEMORIAL SERVICE.

FIRST DAY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Tuesday, May 19, 1903.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association was opened with imposing memorial services, held in honor of Jefferson Davis, at Christ Church Cathedral, at 10 a. m., when the following programme filled the morning hours:

Processional Hymn 176.

Sentences.

Selection from 39th Psalm.

Lesson.

Creed.

Prayers.

Hymn 433.

Address by Rev. A. Gordon Bakewell. "I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors."—Rev. xiv, 13th verse.

Anthem, "What are these that are arrayed in white robes?"

Prayers.

Benediction.

Nunc Dimitis.

Recessional, Hymn 344.

THE ESCORT
THAT CONVEYED THE REMAINS OF PRESIDENT DAVIS TO
RICHMOND, VA., MAY 28TH, 1893.

General JOHN GLYNN, JR., Chairman.	
Col. W. R. Lyman.	Gen. Allen Barksdale.
Col. B. F. Eshleman.	Gen. W. J. Behan.
Col. E. I. Kursheedt.	Capt. Thomas Higgins.
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MRS. F. G. FRERET, Chairman.	
Mrs. Braxton Bragg.	Mrs. B. F. Eshleman.
Mrs. Charles E. Fenner.	Mrs. H. W. Conner.
Mrs. J. L. Bradford.	Mrs. George W. Babcock.
Mrs. H. J. Leovy.	Mrs. Thomas Sefton.
Mrs. J. L. Harris.	Mrs. T. G. Richardson.
Mrs. Jules Denis.	Mrs. T. B. Pugh.
Miss Sophie B. Wright.	Mrs. N. C. Blanchard.
Mrs. C. I. Fayssoux.	Mrs. John Glynn, Jr.

GUESTS OF HONOR.

The service was attended unofficially by a number of the veterans, sponsors and maids of honor of the Reunion. Gen. John B. Gordon and Gen. Stephen D. Lee and Miss Julia Jackson Christian, and the officers of the Confederation were among the guests of

honor. Mrs. Jos. R. Davis came to the service with her sponsor and maids of honor. Veterans were scattered freely throughout the congregation of ladies.

The Raphael Semmes Camp from Mobile attended in a body.

The music was furnished by the choir of Christ Church, re-enforced by members from Trinity and St. George's.

The Rev. A. Gordon Bakewell conducted the service, and delivered the eulogy. Assisting him were: Bishop Sessums, Rev. Dr. Percival, Rev. J. W. Moore, Rev. Gardiner L. Tucker, Rev. W. S. Slack.

The order of service was as follows: Processional hymn, "For All the Saints Who From Their Labor Rest," the opening sentences of the burial services, a selection from the 39th Psalm, the lesson for the day, the creed, the Lord's Prayer, the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light;" the address by Mr. Blakewell; the anthem, "What Are These That Are Arrayed in White Robes?" by Strainer; the reading of the prayers; the benediction; the "Nunc Dimittis," sung by Mr. Billaud, and composed for the occasion by Florian Schaffter. The recessional hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," completed the service.

THE USHERS.

The ushers were the surviving members of the Jefferson Davis escort at the time of the reinterment of the body in Richmond.

The Louisiana ushers were: Gen. John Glynn, Jr., chairman; Col. W. R. Lyman, Col. B. F. Eshleman, Col. E. I. Kursheedt, Col. J. Demoruelle, Mr. D. S. Sullivan, Dr. C. H. Tebault, Major H. Dugas, Capt. Charles Santana, Col. A. M. Haas, Col. William Mil-

ler, Col. T. W. Castleman, Gen. Allen Barksdale, Gen. W. J. Behan, Capt. Thomas Higgins, Major J. W. Watson, Col. J. K. Renaud, Capt. Howell Carter, Capt. T. J. Roysters, Capt. H. T. Brown, Capt. Thos. Clements, Mr. John T. Black, Dr. G. H. Tichenor.

The Mississippi ushers were: Gen. S. W. Fayssoux, Gen. T. R. Binford, Col. R. G. Harding, Col. J. K. McIntosh, Col. Bewman Case, Col. E. T. Sykes, Col. J. H. Jones and Major Pat Henry.

The ladies of the Memorial Committee are: Mrs. F. G. Freret, chairman; Mmes. Braxton Bragg, Charles Fenner, J. L. Bradford, H. J. Leovy, J. L. Harris, Jules Denis, Miss Sophie Wright, Mmes. C. I. Faysouxs, B. F. Eshleman, H. W. Conner, George W. Babcock, Thomas Sefton, T. G. Richardson, T. B. Pugh, N. C. Blanchard, John Glynn, Jr.

MR. BAKEWELL'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Bakewell's address follows:

"Rev. xiv, 13: 'I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write: From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.'

"Let these words of Holy Writ be the key note of this religious service, as it should be of all memorial services for the blessed dead; and I trust that all I shall say may be in harmony with this heaven-spoken voice.

"Comrades and fellow-citizens of this, our Southern land, we have assembled here to-day in this holy place for the worship of God and in a commemorative service to give Him thanks that such a man as Jefferson Davis was raised up and called by the unanimous voice of the whole Southland as President, to guide

the fortunes of the late Confederate States government through four years of deadly strife, which, although it resulted in the downfall of the Confederacy, was not in vain—for it settled forever, at the cost of much sacrifice and blood, burning questions, which threatened the permanency of this Union of States, the final decision of which established it more firmly and ranked it as among the first powers of the world. It has proved a victory in defeat.

"The election of Mr. Davis to be the Chief Executive of the Confederate government was a position involving that also of commander-in-chief of our Southern armies, both of which responsibilities he filled with distinguished honor to himself and to the glory of the Southern soldiers, under their respective and able Generals.

"Of Jefferson Davis' towering intellectual abilities, as demonstrated in the Senate of the United States before the Civil War, the records of that body are witness. This even his most bitter enemies will admit. Highly educated, his mind was a storehouse of knowledge. In domestic life he was all that a husband and father should be. In social life, with his fellow-men of every degree he was honest, affable, considerate, unselfish and charitable. Strong and true in his convictions of duty, firm in his principles, brave and without fear and without reproach.

"What more can we say of this remarkable man? But, to sum up his personal character in a few words which cover all his admirable qualities, that he was a man in every relation of life—a Christian man, a refined and elegant gentleman. Born a gentlemen, he lived and died a gentleman. And when he died it was in the sure hope of a blissful immortality, and of

whom, as in the words of Holy Scripture, 'A voice from heaven could fitly say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." So much for the man and a happy translation to the land of the blest.

"But, now, what act of his life should most commend itself to the admiration and gratitude of this whole nation?

"One for which, in the shortsightedness of the North, he is most denounced, viz: That he did not accept offered terms of peace, and thus have spared the spilling of blood by the continuance of the war to its bitter end.

"The terms offered by President Lincoln were, as you know, impossible for Mr. Davis to accept, with his principles and the trust confided in him to maintain.

"And I really believe that these two men, Lincoln on one side and Davis on the other, were thus providentially chosen, at a momentous period and turning point in the history and destiny of this land of ours, to carry out the purposes of Almighty God toward this country—the one in proposing, the other in rejecting, terms disastrous to the future glorious destiny of this, our common country.

"Had Mr. Davis not been the guiding hand and wise counselor among the distinguished members of his Cabinet and Generals of our armies, had he been weak and irresolute, he would have compromised with President Lincoln, and have accepted the proposed terms of peace, which would have been but a temporary truce, soon followed by an interminable warfare, for years, with more rivers of bloodshed than by

the continuance of the strife till it was, indeed, fought to a finish, and the questions in dispute finally settled forever.

"Neither would the valor of the Southern armies, as now, have commanded the admiration of the world; nor would the inexhaustible resources and mighty power of the Federal government have been manifested to the European potentates, but these United States would have sunk back to a third-rate power, in which they had been previously held.

"Instead, then of denouncing President Davis for refusing the proffered terms of peace, God should be thanked, who raised up this strong man, who was inspired to so act in the crisis of the country as to be principally instrumental in making possible the present glory of our reunited country, at the sacrifice, it is true, of the blood shed on both sides by the continuance of the war, but to the saving of the misery and sanguinary conflicts of years to come had a peace been patched up for the time being.

"This is why we are here to-day, my comrades.

"This is why we have come to do honor to the man, our captain at the helm, who would never give up the ship; who went down with her in a defeat, which, as already said, has proved a glorious victory to both North and South.

"This is why we are proud of having been Confederate soldiers!

"This is why we keep up our organization of Confederate Veterans. We feel strongly that these United States owe their greatness, first to both Mr. Lincoln and Jefferson Davis as supervising all, and to Davis particularly as his to decide at a critical

moment the fate of this country, for permanent weal or woe.

"Thank God, he decided rightly, when the issue was in the balance.

"We feel strongly too that we supported him, by valor and perseverance to the last ditch, led by our brave and able Generals.

"But remember, comrades, that not we alone who survive the deadly conflicts of battle, have been in our subordinate ranks, instrumental in glorifying the United States. But, remember our comrades who laid down their lives in the numerous battlefields.

"Theirs was the greater sacrifice, and theirs, too, the greater glory. In honoring our chief's memory, let us not forget theirs. Although not numbered nor named, let this memorial service be for these humbler heroes—rank and file.

"Proud as we may be that we belonged to the Southern armies, and reap to-day the benefits resulting from their stubborn resistance, yet our pride is mingled with sorrow, at the fall of the Confederacy. For so it was the will of Providence, and we submit in humble deference to His will. Yet, however, though passed away from earth, one whose name is so identified with the Confederacy, that their names seem to be synonymous terms, still lives in immortality.

"That name is Jefferson Davis, and to perpetuate and honor his name and deeds, is all—all that is left us to cherish of what is falsely called 'The Lost Cause.'

"Shall we, then, forget him? Shall we not perpetuate the memory of the Confederacy as represented in him, by some enduring monument, to him as chief, and to the comrades who fell in battle also?

"We owe it to him. We owe it to them!

"And may we not hope that in the infinite mercy of God, as instruments in His hands, the humblest soldiers who fell in the strife of armies, are with him in the land of light, where we confidently believe his spirit has gone.

"This wish, this hope, this prayer—God knows—comes from the bottom of my heart, as I am sure it would from yours, my comrades, should you speak the sentiments of your hearts.

"And now, while here in this holy place, doing honor to the memories of our sacred heroes, dead, what more of these who have gone before? Do they know that we are honoring them?

"Can they know? May they not know, wherever they may be? Yes, it is not impossible! Yes, it is probable.

"Science has, of late years, shown us that space may be virtually annihilated.

"The telephone, the telegraph, wireless, have bridged all space for thousands of miles, across oceans and continents, and we know not the limits they may yet reach.

"And is there not here, while yet I speak, a wireless telephone which transmits my voice to the limits of this church? And may not God's wireless telephone take it to the utmost bounds of the universe of God? I believe it.

"The communion of saints is an article of the Christian creed. Whatever else, besides spiritual fellowship this may mean. May it not be, by God's permission, and because the saintly dead whom we commemorate this day, were God's instruments in carrying out His gracious purposes toward this land.

And in reward for faithfulness to trusts, and as the chief representative of that cause, through which so great benefits accrued from its sacrifices, to the whole nation. May it not be that Jefferson Davis, in that Paradise of God to which he has gone, with other heroic spirits, now hear what is transpiring here, and are glad? Glad that a grateful people are not going to forget him nor them, nor the sacrifices he made, nor his sufferings from the obliquy cast upon his name by his bitter enemies; nor the chains and imprisonment he bore, as the supreme commanding spirit of the Southern cause?

"Spirit of the dead, then, hear my voice. Realize that in this meeting, you are remembered, that you will never be forgotten by this Southern people. Thy will ever hold dear your memories, and hand down the story of your valorous deeds and sacrifices to their children's children. And in their prayers to our Heavenly Father, remember you all, before the Great White Throne, to be blessed more and more, till we all in our own time go hence to join you there, in praising God that in His gracious providence, together we have been honored as chosen through sacrifices, and death, to the cementing of this Union, to the welfare of both North and South, and to His eternal glory in thus perpetuating to the end of time. I believe, the glorious Union of these United States of America."

(From New Orleans *Times-Democrat*, May 20, 1903.)

"When the battle's drum had ceased to beat he withdrew from his exalted charge with dignity made strong by his faith, and gained for himself the love

and reverence of his people who trusted him."—Tribute to Jefferson Davis.

The deep veneration in which the memory of Jefferson Davis is held by the people of the South was beautifully expressed yesterday morning in a memorial service, which was held at 10 o'clock in Christ Church Cathedral, under the auspices of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, of whose annual convention this is the opening feature.

Long before the hour for the service the large edifice was thronged with the waiting congregation. The decorations were simple, yet beautiful, consisting of a profusion of palms arranged gracefully about the sanctuary, with flowers upon the altar and on the pulpit rail, tied with bows of purple ribbon. The little touches of purple, here and there, at the reading desk, and on the stole of the officiating priests were the suggestions of the character of the service.

After the close of the memorial services the officers and delegates proceeded to the Auditorium at the Fair Grounds, to attend the opening ceremonies of the Convention of the United Confederate Veterans.

One of the most enthusiastic scenes of the session was, when Mrs. W. J. Behan, President of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, was led to the front of the platform, by General Gordon, and introduced to the Convention, which greeted her enthusiastically. "God bless the women!" went up a shout all over the hall. Mrs. Behan then said on behalf of the Confederation:

"General J. B. Gordon and Dearly Beloved and Honored Veterans: We, the officers and delegates of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, ap-

preciating the honor and distinction of being permitted to hold our Convention at the same time and place as you do, come now to extend our heartfelt greeting to the noble organization over which you preside. This Confederation, as you are aware, is composed of the women of the Confederacy—the women who were busy with loom, wheel and needle while you were in camp, who wept and prayed while you were on the field of battle, and who nursed, with tender, loving care, the sick and wounded in hospitals, and who gave comfort and consolation to the prisoners of war. These are the women who come now to greet you, to ask the blessing of God on all your deliberations that you may be guided by wisdom and prudence, with sentiments of love and patriotism for the members of that sweet and glorious cause for which the Confederate soldier fought with true heroism until his commander declared at Appomattox that his corps was torn to a frazzle.

"A cordial invitation is extended to you and the veterans in general to assist at the opening session of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association at Continental Guards' Armory, Camp Street, opposite Lafayette Square, on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

"Beloved Commander, may you live to enjoy many more happy reunions of the United Confederate Veterans is the sincere wish of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association."

4 to 6 P. M.—Reception at Soldiers' Home, given to the officers, delegates and visitors of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association; to the United Confederate Veterans; United Sons of Confederate

Veterans; Surgeons of the Confederate Army and Navy, and visitors to the Reunion.

9 P. M.—Reception at Washington Artillery Hall, by Washington Artillery, complimentary to the Sponsors, Maids, Officers and Delegates to the Convention.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Secretary.

Second Day.

MORNING SESSION.

CONTINENTAL GUARDS' ARMORY,
NEW ORLEANS, Wednesday, May 20, 1903.

9:30 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Alden McLellan, Vice-President of the Convention Committee. Prayer by Rev. Father D. R. Lawton, S. J., followed by the reading of a poem, "The Women of the Confederacy," written by Mrs. Virginia Frazer Boyle, was read by Miss Jennie Outlaw, with musical accompaniment.

Address of welcome by General J. B. Levert, on behalf of the Louisiana Division of the United Confederate Veterans, followed by an address of welcome from Mr. W. M. Barrow, on behalf of the Local Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Hon. Ernest B. Kruttschnitt, on behalf of the United Confederate Reunion Committee, welcomed the ladies of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, in the name of the Committee, in a most cordial and eloquent manner, portraying in beautiful

language the sorrows, trials and sufferings of the "Women of the Confederacy" in the sixties, and charged them to keep alive the glorious history of the past, perpetuate the memories of the past, and above all make her men true to the traditions of the Southland.

Mrs. F. G. Freret, President of the New Orleans Chapter No. 72, United Daughters of the Confederacy, owing to a recent bereavement in her family, was not present at the Convention; the address of welcome was made by Mrs. F. A. Monroe, the Vice-President, who said:

"Mme. President and Ladies: The beloved and honored President of the New Orleans Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, owing to the deep sorrow through which she has so recently passed, is unable to be with us to-day, and in her absence it becomes my most proud privilege to welcome you to our midst. You are welcome, thrice welcome, to our city, to our homes, and to our hearts. New Orleans is ever proud and glad to have in her midst distinguished guests, but she has never been prouder than just at this time, when she holds to her bosom the vast multitude of Confederate men and women who are congregated here to-day. New Orleans is Southern to the core, and as this Reunion is of the South, for the South, and by the South, it is especially acceptable to us all."

"You are welcome to our hearts, you women members of the Confederate Memorial Association, because it was by you and your mothers that the first Confederate work was done. When Louisiana seceded from the Union, in 1861, you women banded together to sew for the Confederate soldiers, and many were

the garments you made and the uniforms you provided for the men battling for the Southern cause, and when the war was over, and the smoke of battle had passed away, it was to you women that the thought suggested itself of marking and protecting the graves of the Confederate heroes, and later, in the face of many difficulties, you formed your Association, the same Association which exists to-day under a renewed charter. It was by you, on April 10, 1874, that the first monument ever erected to the memory of the Confederate soldier was unveiled in New Orleans, in the Greenwood Cemetery.

"On the occasion of the consecration of this monument, our beloved Chaplain, Dr. Palmer, used these memorable words: 'Amidst melancholy memories we raise this memorial of our love over the sleeping dust of those whom we have loved in life and whom we honor in death, and with pious hands we unveil it before the world.'

"This, the Davis monument, and many another monument in other places, have you helped to build. Your work stands, and will ever stand, a perpetual monument to Southern womanhood.

"And now, ladies, I will tell you why we are especially glad to welcome you to our homes. It is because we are so proud of you that we want to show you to our children, and in the future to hold you off and say, 'These, these are some of those noble women who surrendered all, husbands, fathers, sons and property, for a principle.' The men were brave, but the women, I believe, were braver. The men went into active service, and fought in the heat and excitement of combat, but the women remained at home to think, to suffer and to pray. And when it

was all over, and their hearthstones were left desolate, in the face of defeat and suffering, they went out, without complaint, and worked with a sublime heroism, and we ever honor and welcome them here for their own true worth, and likewise because they are the mothers and daughters of

"Warriors tried and true,
Who wore the flag of a nation's trust,
And fell in a cause, though lost, still just,
And died for me and you."

Mrs. Lewis Graham, Vice-President for Louisiana, Confederate Southern Memorial Association, followed, and said:

"That New Orleans extended a most cordial greeting to the lovely women from sister States. The people here delight to honor these ladies because they represent the type of that glorious civilization of the South which the present generation sees only in story.

"New Orleans is yours," said Mrs. Graham. "Louisiana delights to show you honor. And now, having completed the duties vested in me as Vice-President, I take pleasure in turning over the gavel and the authority which it represents to one in whom we have found a 'veritable pillar of fire,' ever holding this organization as a unit, and continually leading us forward in the work of treasuring the memories that are dear to us, and memorializing the heroes who fell 'where the bravest love to fall.' Ladies, I present to you our beloved President, Mrs. W. J. Behan."

Mrs. Behan was escorted to the chair and the Convention Hall was formally turned over to her. Mrs. Behan responded to the addresses of welcome, thanking the several speakers for their kind greetings, turning to her associates she told them in a sweet and

cheery voice how glad she was to meet with them once more.

At intervals during the programme musical selections were rendered by the St. Simeon's Young Ladies' Orchestra, and vocal selections by Miss Corinne Bailey and Mr. Victor Despommier.

Miss Carolyn Tennent McAlester, of Indian Territory, and Maid of Honor from that State, read the new words for "Dixie" suggested by Mrs. I. M. P. Ockenden, of Montgomery, Ala.

After the programme was completed, Mrs. Behan called the Convention to order and presented her annual report:

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

"The principal work accomplished by the Confederate Southern Memorial Association during the past year, was the adoption of a resolution making June 3, Confederate Memorial Day, in commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America. A resolution to this effect had been offered at the United Confederate Convention at Houston (if I am correctly informed), and many States acted favorably on it, but, in order to have this day universally adopted throughout the South, the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association of New Orleans, La., had a similar resolution presented to the United Confederate Veterans in convention assembled at Dallas, Tex., April, 1902. This resolution was unanimously recommended by the Committee on Resolutions and submitted to the Convention by General A. T. Watts, Adjutant General of the Trans-Mississippi Department, and seconded in a most able and patriotic

speech by General Stephen D. Lee. The State of Georgia alone asked to be excepted, and with this amendment, it was adopted by the United Confederate Veterans. The same resolution was then presented to the Convention of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, and adopted in accordance with the action of the United Confederate Veterans, the delegate from Georgia alone dissenting. The 'Women of the Confederacy,' as represented in the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, owe this debt of love and devotion to the memory of Jefferson Davis, who, by the dedication of his great work, the 'Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government,' reared a monument to them in recognition of their pious ministrations to the Confederate soldiers during the dark and trying days, when war spread ruin and desolation over our beautiful Southland. It seems most fitting that the natal day of Jefferson Davis should be observed in the South, and no more appropriate manner can be proposed than thus, to assemble in the silent homes of our dead, to pay tribute to his memory, as well as to the deathless dead of the Confederate Army. The third of June has been observed in sacred remembrance in many States. Arkansas has always observed that day. Since the Dallas Reunion, Louisiana and Tennessee have adopted June 3, as Memorial Day, and it is now a legal holiday in both of these States. In conformity with the resolution passed at Dallas, the histories of all memorial associations enrolled in the Confederation have been compiled, and will be preserved in book form. This volume will be of inestimable value to the children and grandchildren of the noble women, who from 1861 to 1865, not only cared for

the sick and wounded, but provided homes for the needy veteran, and have builded monuments to the memory of the heroic dead. It is proposed to place a copy of this history in the principal libraries and Confederate museums, and it should find a place in every Southern home. The proceeds from the sale will be devoted to the Jefferson Davis Monument Fund. In June, 1902, I attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association, held in Richmond, Va., for the purpose of selecting a model for the memorial arch. The successful competitor was L. A. Cudebrod, of New York. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee of the Building Committee, composed of gentlemen resident of Richmond, Va. These gentlemen have been in correspondence with Mr. Cudebrod at the limit put upon it by the Board of New Orleans, but Mr. Cudebrod has never definitely stated his willingness to enter into a contract with approved security for the erection of the arch for \$50,000, which was the maximum sum named in our meeting at New Orleans. It is very probable that another meeting of the Board will be called soon to take this matter under advisement. At the meeting in June last, it was proposed to hold a bazar in Richmond for the joint benefit of the Confederate Museum and the Jefferson Davis Monument. As we had pledged our co-operation in the erection of the Davis Monument, I voted in favor of the bazar, and issued circulars to all our memorial associations, requesting contributions in money and salable articles. From reports received, the responses were both numerous and generous. The bazar opened on April 15, and closed on the 2nd of May, and a recent letter from Rich-

mond states it was a grand success; the handsome sum of nearly \$20,000 was realized. The sum contributed to the Jefferson Davis Monument through the Confederate Southern Memorial Association up to April 1, 1903, is \$2,337.15. During this Reunion, the Junior Confederate Memorial Association will hand in its contribution of \$200, realized through the sale of Jefferson Davis buttons in the State of Louisiana. The Central Committee, at Richmond, Va., offered a medal to the child selling the greatest number of buttons in any Southern State, the State guaranteeing the sales of 2,000 buttons. I am happy to say that Louisiana is the first State to fulfill its contract, although several entered the contest. The medal was won by Estelle M. Hodgson, of New Orleans, La., a niece of our valuable Recording Secretary, Miss D. M. L. Hodgson. It is the intention to have this medal presented by General J. B. Gordon to the little girl, who has won this distinction. The next step of importance was the indorsement of the bill asking for an appropriation of \$100,000 from the United States Government for the proper marking and perpetual care of the graves of our prison dead. This bill was prepared by General Stephen D. Lee, as the result of a resolution offered by him at the United Confederate Veteran Convention at Memphis, Tenn., 1901. This bill was introduced in the United States Senate by Hon. J. B. Foraker, of Ohio, to whom I conveyed by letter your appreciation of his generous and manly action. This appropriation was subsequently increased to \$200,000, at the recommendation of the Honorable Secretary of War. Owing to the rush of business at the close of the session, the bill did not reach a final reading, but, from all

I have learned, there will be no difficulty in securing its passage at the next session of Congress. In connection with this sacred work, I wish to call your attention to the circulars on 'Confederate Graves,' which have been mailed to you at my request by Dr. Samuel E. Lewis, of Washington, D. C. This is your memorial work, and, while we appreciate the sad privilege of assembling on Memorial Day, to breathe a prayer and place a flower on the graves of our heroic dead, who rest under the shadows of monuments erected to their memory in the South, we must not forget those who lie in distant parts, and who are equally dear to us. Let it be our aim and purpose to assist in locating the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in prison and Northern military hospitals, and see that these are properly marked and cared for. During the past years there has been an increased interest among all memorial associations. At present there are fifty-four enrolled, with Georgia in the lead; Virginia second, closely followed by Missouri. The States' vice presidents are urged to take a more active part in the locating of memorial associations, and extending to them a cordial invitation to join the Confederation. During the years just passed we have been called upon to mourn the death of General Geo. M. Moorman, late Adjutant General of the United Confederate Veterans, and one of the most devoted sons of the South. The United Confederate Veterans' organization was mainly accomplished through his effort, and, to quote from the order sent out from the United Confederate Veteran Headquarters, 'He passed away in the height of his great usefulness, but not until after he had accomplished a work to which his heart and much of

his life had been deeply devoted.' Death has visited the family of our sister from Montgomery, Ala., Mrs. Martha Dandridge Bibb—a twofold sorrow has befallen her in the death of her brother and son. It is also my painful duty to report the death of Mayor N. V. Randolph, of Richmond, Va., which sad event was followed in a few weeks by the death of his young and lovely daughter. Mrs. Randolph, who is known throughout the South for her zeal and devotion to all Confederate work, has the sympathy of this Confederation in her double bereavement. Only a few days since the veterans of Louisiana Division were called on to pay the last sad tribute to their comrade and ex-Commander, General E. H. Lombard, one of the most distinguished veterans of the State. To his bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

"Before closing this report, I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the very efficient corps of officers with whom it has been my pleasure and privilege to be associated. I thank them for their kind consideration, friendly advice and timely suggestions, as well as for the faithful performance of their duty. To the brave and devoted women who have labored with me so zealously, I desire to express my appreciation of their good will and encouragement, and to bespeak for my successor the same earnest co-operation for the welfare and success of our beloved Confederate Southern Memorial Association."

At the close of this report a rising vote of thanks was tendered the President for her interesting report.

A question then arose as to representation of asso-

ciations by "proxies." After discussion it was voted against unanimously as a bad precedent.

The hour for luncheon having arrived a motion was made for the Convention to adjourn until 2 p. m.

Second Day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONTINENTAL GUARDS' ARMORY,
Wednesday, May 20, 1903, 2 P. M.

Meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer, led by the President, Mrs. W. J. Behan, who called the meeting to order.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Thos. S. McCullough, President of the Jefferson Davis Monument Committee, Staunton, Va.; Mrs. Magnus S. Thompson, President of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter No. 20, U. D. C., Washington, D. C.; and many others.

The reading of the minutes was omitted by consent of the convention. Copies having been sent to all Associations in the Confederation.

The "call" was then read, by the Corresponding Secretary.

Report of Treasurer, read by Miss Sue H. Walker.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

FROM APRIL 29, 1902, TO MAY 16, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from dues, 1902	89.92
Receipts from dues, 1902 and 1903..	80.00

Total receipts	169.92
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Expenditures	52.95
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Balance May 16, 1903	\$116.97
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Jefferson Davis Monument Fund,
Through C. S. M. A.—
To May 16, 1902 2,037.63
Since to May 16, 1903 347.22
Total receipts 2,384.85

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor, Jr. 2,384.85
Removal of Confederate Dead Fund—
Balance, 1902 77.00
Expenditures, 1902 and 1903 10.00
Balance, May 16, 1903 67.00
Balance on hand to all accounts
May 16, 1903 \$183.97

JULIA GAI SIDE WELCH,
Treasurer.

The President then called for report of Corresponding Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR 1903.

Madam President and Ladies of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association: In making this, the last report of my three years' term as Corresponding Secretary of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association my thoughts are mingled feelings of pride, pleasure and regret. I shall miss the interchange of letters with both President and members, and shall ever deem it the greatest honor of my life to have been associated with this noble band of

Southern women. I trust you will excuse a little pardonable pride in the reflection, that it was my home association, the Southern Memorial Association of Fayetteville, Arkansas, that took the initiative in organizing this Confederation, and that it was my privilege as Corresponding Secretary of that association to invoke the assistance of others in our plan. The result has been beyond our most sanguine expectations. It is the province of our President to summarize the work accomplished by the Confederation (which is by no means inconsiderable), but I may be allowed to say, that if no other good had resulted, the new life and enthusiasm infused into fifty-five memorial associations is well worth the pains; dozens of letters bear witness to this renewal of interest. There is a pathos about the memorial work that appeals to all. The heritage of glory left to the South's future generations, as embodied in "those silent tents of green," calls forth our tenderest care and reverence, and this union of all into one Confederate band is an inspiration to each to continue this loving homage, and to instill into the hearts and minds of the children of to-day feelings of admiration and reverence for these heroes.

The Confederate Southern Memorial Association has sustained a great loss in the passing away of one of its staunchest friends, the late Gen. George Moorman. By order of the President the Corresponding Secretary tendered the sympathy of the Confederation to the bereaved wife and son, anticipating the passage of suitable resolutions of respect and regret at this Convention. Also to Mrs. N. V. Randolph, the beloved President of one of our charter associations, to whom the grim messenger Death has twice appeared

this year, bearing away the noble husband and lovely young daughter.

Our sister association of Camden, Ala., also claimed our sympathy in the death of its lamented Treasurer, Mrs. Bonner; the President of the Montgomery, Ala., Association, Mrs. M. D. Bibb, on the death of loved ones, and Mrs. Rowland, President of Augusta, Ga., Association, on the death of her husband.

"What a world were this,
How unendurable its weight if they
Whom Death hath sundered did not meet again!"

We have much to be thankful for, much to be proud of. Chief among our reasons for gratulation is the happy selection of a President for our Confederation. Far different might have been our progress to-day, but for the self-sacrificing energy displayed by our retiring chief executive. She has truly obeyed Woolsey's admonition to Cromwell, "Be just and fear not! Let all the ends thou aimst at be thy Country's, thy God's and Truth." For the success of this cherished organization her ambition is boundless, limitless. Another cause for pride is the unstinted praise of our beloved veterans. They have not forgotten the almost divine efforts of the women of the South in honoring their fallen comrades ere the smoke of battle had cleared away. They delight in showing their earnest approval of our work to-day, as evinced by the honors and preferments bestowed upon us at these Reunions and at all times. Our efforts would avail but little were it not for their ready response to all our appeals for assistance in our work.

The number of letters and newspaper articles written by the Corresponding Secretary the past year is

as follows: Two hundred and sixty-four letters and three articles—one for the "Confederate Veteran" (March number); one for the Veterans' Souvenir Book of New Orleans Reunion, and the other for the "Arkansas Gazette," by request of the editor.

Amount of money received from Treasurer for postage and expense of expressage on stationery and Dalals Minutes, \$8.00.

To the associations composing the Confederation I wish to express my appreciation of their uniform courtesy in responding to letters, and my admiration for their devotion to Southern memories. Our acquaintance has been brief; but not like the "ships that pass in the night," for I know where each ship is anchored and can signal them at will. For my successor I wish all the pleasure that I have derived from this office, and am sure she will feel that the honor conferred more than balances the work entailed.

Pardon the length of my valedictory—most of you know that I have never learned the art of condensing.

With earnest wishes for the success of each association, I bid you good bye!

SUE H. WALKER,
Corresponding Secretary.

The report of the Recording Secretary being next in order, Miss Hodgson was called upon for her report which was read and approved with the other reports.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Dallas Convention not having appointed a Committee on Minutes, it became the duty of the Secretary to prepare the minutes of the Confederate Southern

Memorial Association Convention of 1903 for publication. Upon completion of same six copies were mailed to each association, then numbering 47.

It gives me pleasure to announce that since the last annual convention that sixteen associations have been enrolled and are as follows:

Ladies' Memorial Association, Brunswick, Ga.
 Manassas Memorial Association, Manassas, Va.
 Beauvoir Home Memorial Association, Greenwood, Miss.
 Memorial Association, Petersburg, Va.
 New Market Memorial Association, Lexington, Va.
 Southern Ladies' Memorial Association, Florence, Ala.
 Ladies' Memorial Association, Danville, Va.
 Washington Memorial Association, Washington, Ga.
 Beaufort County Memorial Association, Washington, N. C.
 Ladies' Memorial Association, Waynesboro, Ga.
 Memorial Association, Resaca, Ga.
 Ladies' Memorial Association, Morgan County, Madison, Ga.
 Hancock Ladies' Memorial Association, Sparta, Ga.
 Jefferson Davis Home Memorial Association, Biloxi, Miss.
 Ladies' Memorial Association, Rome, Ga.
 Ladies' Memorial Association, Boligee, Ga.
 Ladies' Memorial Association, Quincy, Florida.
 Ladies' Memorial Association, Athens, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
 Recording Secretary.

This report was interesting as it presented the names of sixteen new associations enrolled during the year.

A motion followed the reading of reports, "That the 'Confederate Veteran,' published at Nashville, Tennessee, be made the official organ of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association." Carried.

A motion was made that the Chair appoint necessary committees. The President then named same:

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. Lizzie Pollard, Chairman; Mrs. E. Lyle Saxon, Mrs. C. W. P. Brock.

Committee on Credentials: Miss Sue H. Walker, Chairman; Mrs. David Zable, Miss Shelton Chieves.

Committee on Minutes: Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson, Mrs. Geo. A. Williams, Mrs. Charles Zapata.

Press Committee: W. A. Hurst, Chairman.

With the privilege of selecting her own committee, and that she send reports of the Confederate Southern Memorial work monthly, to the "Confederate Veteran."

After the appointment of committees, the report of the Ladies' Memorial Association of Montgomery, Alabama, was read by Mrs. I. M. P. Ocken-den, followed by the report from the Ladies' Memorial Association of Gainesville, Alabama, which was read by Mrs. D. H. Williams.

On motion, the convention adjourned until May 21, at 10 a. m.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
 Secretary.

After the adjournment, the members of the convention enjoyed a "trolley" excursion.

7 to 9 P. M.—A reception tendered Mrs. Stonewall Jackson by the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, at New St. Charles Hotel Palm Garden.

New Orleans *Picayune*, May 21, 1903:

"The grandest ovation ever tendered to any one in New Orleans since the memorial reception offered to President Davis in the old St. Charles, after his release from imprisonment in Fortress Monroe, was that given to Mrs. Stonewall Jackson and her granddaughter Miss Julia Jackson Christian, last night in the Palm Garden at the new St. Charles. Way back in 1868, Jefferson Davis stood on that same site."

Third Day.

MORNING SESSION.

CONTINENTAL GUARDS' ARMORY,

Thursday, May 21, 10 A. M.

Convention opened with prayer by Rev. John Caldwell, Mrs. Behan in the Chair.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

Mrs. A. McLellan requested the convention to send a resolution of sympathy to Mrs. F. G. Freret, who had recently suffered a sad bereavement, in the death of her son by accident. The Secretary was requested to forward suitable resolutions, expressing the sympathy of the convention.

The President requested the convention to continue the reading of reports. The report of Southern Memorial Association was called for, and was read by

Mrs. Lizzie Pollard, followed by the report of the Ladies' Memorial Association of Columbus, Ga., read by Miss Anna Caroline Benning. Report of the Confederate Memorial Society of Missouri, which was read by Mrs. Celeste Prim. The report of Southern Memorial Association, read by Mrs. W. A. Hurst. Report of Jefferson Davis Monument Chapter, read by Mrs. Alden McLellan. Report of Junior Confederate Memorial Association, read by Miss Myrtilla Given. Report of Marietta Memorial Association, read by Mrs. J. Gid Morris. Report of Ladies' Memorial Association of Knoxville, Tennessee, read by Mrs. J. T. McTeer.

The President here announced that she had received a communication from Mrs. Phoebe Frazer Edmonds, expressing regret that the "Southern Mothers" could not be present at the convention.

The reading of reports was continued:

Report of the Junior Hollywood Memorial Association, Richmond, Va., was read by Miss Lucy Claire Atkinson. Report of Oakwood Memorial Association, Richmond, Virginia, read by Miss Sue H. Walker. Report of Ladies' Memorial Association, of Petersburg, Va., read by Mrs. Shelton Chieves.

After the conclusion of the reports, a rising vote of thanks was offered to "the women of Petersburg, Va., who so tenderly cared for the dead and dying, around their city in the 60's."

The President added "that Louisiana did this with a feeling of the deepest gratitude. Louisiana having left in the dear State of Virginia many of the budding manhood of the South.

The reading of reports was continued and the next called for was that of the Con-

federate Memorial Literary Society of Missouri, which was read by Mrs. Jennie Edwards; then the report of the Blandford Memorial Association, was read by Mrs. Leroy B. Valliant.

The convention expressed a desire to hear the reports from the Missouri Association. Mrs. George P. Stacy being present, she was called upon, and gave an excellent verbal report of the work that had been done throughout the State, for which she received a vote of thanks from the convention. The report of the Ladies' Memorial Association of Raleigh, North Carolina, was read by the Secretary, followed by the report of the Ladies' Memorial Association of Portsmouth, Virginia, which was read by Mrs. Mary E. Moore, and the report of the Memorial Association of Resaca, Ga., read by Miss Mary J. Green of Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Lewis Graham requested the privilege of presenting to the President, the first copy of the "History of the Confederate Memorial Associations of the South." The presentation was graciously responded to, and Mrs. Graham was thanked for her gift.

Mrs. J. T. McTeer of Knoxville, Tennessee, requested the privilege of presenting a copy to Miss Sue H. Walker, Corresponding Secretary. Miss Walker accepted the history and thanked the donor in warm and appreciative words. After the presentations, a question arose as to the number of copies of the History that would be allowed associations for its subscription. Mrs. Graham here explained fully, "that each association was entitled to one copy for its subscription." After which the programme for the day was read.

A vote of thanks was offered by the convention for the courtesy of the Pickwick Club for having extended to the Confederate Southern Memorial Association the use of its gallery to review the parade of the United Confederate Veterans.

The report of the Credential Committee was then presented by the Chairman, Miss Sue H. Walker, and was approved by the convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials appointed by the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, in convention assembled, report that all associations herein named have paid their annual membership dues, and are entitled to representation as follows:

Junior Hollywood Memorial Association, Richmond, Va., 2.

Confederate Memorial Literary Society, Richmond, Va., 2.

Ladies' Memorial Association, Pensacola, Fla., 2.

Ladies' Memorial Association, Petersburg, Va., 2.

Ladies' Memorial Association, Portsmouth, Va., 2.

Ladies' Memorial Association, Columbus, Va., 2.

Marietta Memorial Association, Marietta, Ga., 2.

Ladies' Memorial Association, Atlanta, Ga., 2.

Ladies' Memorial Association, Augusta, Ga., 2.

Southern Memorial Association, Fayetteville, Ark.

Sterling Price Memorial Association, Jefferson City, Mo., 2.

Confederate Literary Society of Mo., St. Louis, Mo.

State Monumental Memorial Association, Springfield, Mo., 2.

Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, Memphis, Tenn., 2.
 Ladies' Memorial Association, Knoxville, Tenn., 2.
 Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, New Orleans, La., 2.
 Junior Confederate Memorial Association, New Orleans, La., 2.
 Jefferson Davis Monumental Association, New Orleans, La., 2.
 Southern Memorial Association, Baton Rouge, La.
 Jefferson Davis Monument Association, New Or-
 loxi, Miss.
 Confederate Cemetery Association, Vicksburg, Miss.
 Ladies' Memorial Association, Montgomery, Ala.
 Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, Gainse-
 ville, Ala.
 Mrs. C. W. P. Brock, Richmond, Va.
 Mrs. Thos. V. Kessler, Petersburg, Va.
 Mrs. Shelton Chieves, Petersburg, Va.
 Mrs. William Spottswood, Petersburg, Va.
 Mrs. Mary E. Moore, Portsmouth, Va.
 Miss Anna Caroline Benning, Columbus, Ga.
 Mrs. Lizzie Pollard, Fayetteville, Ark.
 Miss Sue H. Walker, Fayetteville, Ark.
 Mrs. Ada Price, Jefferson City, Mo.
 Mrs. Albert C. Allen, Jefferson City, Mo.
 Mrs. J. T. McTeer, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Mrs. Tapley Portlock, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Mrs. Charles Zapata, New Orleans, La.
 Miss Myrtilla Grien, New Orleans, La.
 Miss Virginia Mitchell, New Orleans, La.
 Mrs. J. J. Prowell, New Orleans, La.
 Mrs. J. C. Lee, Montgomery, Ala.

Mrs. J. M. P. O'Rendon, Montgomery, Ala.
 Mrs. Jos. R. Davis, Biloxi, Miss.
 Mrs. T. Hoxie, Biloxi, Miss.
 Mrs. George P. Stacy, Biloxi, Miss.
 Mrs. R. T. Hunter, Richmond, Va.
 Mrs. Charles B. Bryan, Memphis, Tenn.
 Miss Mary Meyers Reynolds, Marietta, Ga.
 Mrs. J. Giel Morris, Marietta, Ga.
 Mrs. W. A. Hurst, Baton Rouge, La.
 Mrs. F. M. Brooks, Baton Rouge, La.
 Miss Mary Green, Atlanta, Ga.
 Mrs. (Dr.) Avary, Atlanta, Ga.
 Miss Lucy Claire Atkinson, Richmond, Va.
 Mrs. E. C. Carroll, Vicksburg, Miss.
 Mrs. T. W. Preston, Vicksburg, Miss.
 Mrs. James Buckley, New Orleans, La.
 Mrs. Jeff. D. Weis, New Orleans, La.
 Mrs. A. J. Swain, New Orleans, La.
 Miss Mary A. Hall, Augusta, Ga.
 Mrs. A. H. Riddell, New Orleans, La.
 Mrs. H. Clay Tompkins, Springfield, Mo.
 Mrs. S. H. Rogers, Springfield, Mo.
 Mrs. Alden McLellan, New Orleans, La.
 Mrs. David Zable, New Orleans, La.
 Miss Sophie B. Wright, New Orleans, La.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Lyle Saxon, New Orleans, La.
 Mrs. Lucy B. Valliant, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. Celeste Prim, St. Louis, Mo.

SUE H. WALKER,
 MRS. DAVID ZABLE,
 MRS. CHELTON CHIEVES,
 Committee.

A motion was made by Miss Walker, seconded
 by Mrs. T. W. Preston of Vicksburg, "that con-

denised reports be sent to the annual convention by each association, five minutes, being allowed for the reading of each report." An amendment was offered to this motion by Mrs. J. C. Lee, "that they be type-written and limited to the year's work." The ammendment was accepted and the motion carried.

The hour for luncheon having arrived, the convention adjourned until 2 p. m.

DAISY M. L. HONGSON,
Secretary.

12:30 P. M.—A luncheon was served at the Continental Guards' Armory, to the members of the convention.

Third Day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONTINENTAL GUARDS' ARMORY,

New Orleans, La., May 21, 1904, 2 P. M.

The convention called to order by the President at 2 p. m. Mrs Stonewall Jackson and her granddaughter Julia Jackson Christian, guests of the convention, having honored that body with their presence at luncheon.

Minutes of the last session was read and approved.

A motion made by Miss A. C. Benning and duly seconded, "that the Recording Secretary of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, hereafter be provided with a stenographer for all business sessions of the convention." Carried.

The President here stated that the "Badge Committee" was not ready with their report, when a motion was offered "that a recess be taken." With the consent of the convention the President gave a recess

of five minutes. At the expiration of the recess, the convention was called to order, when a resolution was offered by Mrs. Alden McLellan "that twenty dollars of the "Arlington Fund" be forwarded to the Marietta Memorial Association, to mark with suitable head-stones, the graves of Louisiana soldiers buried in the cemetery, at Marietta, Georgia." Carried.

The announcement having been made that General John B. Gordon, had arrived at the convention hall, all business was suspended. A marked demonstration of delight was expressed by the delegates rising to their feet, while the soul inspiring music of "Dixie" was rendered on the piano. General Gordon was escorted to the platform where the President gave him a cordial greeting, saying: "General Gordon, it is a pleasure to have you with us, and the convention appreciate your presence, knowing that you have come to gratify the desire of the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association in the bestowal of the first pin presented by the Jefferson Davis Monument Association of Richmond, Virginia, for zealous work on the part of a member in the Junior Confederate Memorial Association, of New Orleans, for the greatest sale of 'Davis Buttons.'"

The President requested Estelle Hodgson to come to the platform, when General Gordon in the most beautiful and touching words bestowed the pin upon the third generation of Confederates. The little girl responded, saying: "I thank you, General Gordon, for the honor that you have conferred upon me, and I desire to express my gratitude through you to the Jefferson Davis Monument Association, for the beautiful pin which I shall delight in wearing, and am proud and happy in possessing." General

Gordon bade the child and the members of the convention adieu, and turned to leave, when Estelle Hodgson presented him with a volume "de luxe" History of the "Confederated Memorial Associations of the South." The gift delighted him, and brought forth words to the Women of the Confederacy, worthy of any general, but most fitting from the leader of the noble men of our Southland. General Gordon again bade the members of the convention farewell and left the hall to the tune of "Dixie" amidst great applause, when the business session was resumed.

By request, Mrs. Dowdle, President Alabama Division United Daughters of the Confederacy, requested the privilege of the floor, to read a communication relative to changing the words of the song of "Dixie," she having come with resolutions urging a change of words for the endorsement of the resolutions by the convention. Strong reasons were given why they should be retained, and the vote of the convention was that they be not changed. Mrs. Buckley then made the following motion: "That as the words of "Dixie" as sung by the soldiers of the Confederacy do not seem to be universally known, that copies of the original words written by G. Newcomb of New Orleans, and copyrighted by Philip Werlein in 1860, be sent to all memorial associations, and as far as possible, that they be taught in all the schools of the South." Carried.

Mr. Beckwith was introduced and given the courtesy of the floor. He came as a representative of the Petersburg Association which is interested in the Blandford Mortuary Chapel, to explain to the members of the convention the idea of the chapel, with the hope that all associations

would become interested in the chapel, and that each State would aim to place a memorial window within those sacred walls. At the conclusion of Mr. Beckwith's remarks, the President thanked him for his visit, and requested the associations to bear this object in mind.

The report of the Badge Committee being next in order, the Secretary of the Committee, Mrs. W. A. Hurst of Baton Rouge, read the following:

REPORT OF BADGE COMMITTEE.

This committee at a meeting held this afternoon, decided by vote upon two designs to be presented to the convention. One known as No. "529," first choice and "429" second choice.

Respectfully submitted,
MISS SUE H. WALKER,

Chairman.

MRS. LIZZIE POLLARD,

MRS. LEROY B. VALLIANT,

MRS. W. A. HURST, Secretary.

The committee presented two designs to be voted for. After a careful consideration of both, the convention decided in favor of design "529" presented by Mrs. Virginia Frazer Boyle of Memphis, Tenn., Poet Laureate of the C. S. M. A. After adopting number "529" as the official pin, some doubts arose as to future ownership of the design, when a motion was made that the convention reconsider their action so far, that the other design could be second choice in case the C. S. M. A. could not possess first choice. After some discussion a motion was made that Mrs. W. J. Behan be made a committee of one, to communicate with interested parties, and to make satis-

factory arrangements for the design to become the property of the association, and that it be copyrighted. Carried. The convention gave the Badge Committee a rising vote of thanks for their continued interest and devotion to the work entailed upon the committee.

The hour having arrived for the patriotic celebration, at Robert E. Lee Monument, by the Junior Confederate Memorial Association and the public school children of New Orleans, a motion was made that the convention adjourn until May 22nd, at 9:30 a. m.

DAISY M. L. HOPGSON,
Secretary.

Fourth Day.

MORNING SESSION.

CONTINENTAL GUARDS' ARMORY,

New Orleans, May 22nd, 1903, 9:30 P. M.

The convention called to order by the President, Mrs. Behan, and led in prayer by Rev. Phil. D. Stephenson, Chaplain of Shenandoah Camp, Woodstock, Va. Quorum present.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The election of officers of the C. S. M. A., being the first order of business, it was moved and seconded that the election take place. Carried.

Mrs. W. J. Behan was then nominated as President, and re-elected to serve for the term of three years, by the unanimous vote of the convention. The nominations for State vice presidents being next in order, Mrs. J. C. Lee of Montgomery, was nominated

and elected vice-president for Alabama. Mrs. J. D. Walker, of Fayetteville, was nominated and re-elected vice president of Arkansas. Mrs. W. D. Chipley of Pensacola, was nominated and re-elected vice president of Florida. Mrs. F. A. Timberlake of Augusta, nominated and re-elected vice-president of Georgia. Mrs. Alden McLellan of New Orleans, was nominated and elected vice-president for Louisiana. Mrs. M. A. Stevens of Vicksburg, was nominated and re-elected vice president of Mississippi. Mrs. Leroy B. Valliant of St. Louis, nominated and elected vice president of Missouri. Mrs. Garland Jones of Raleigh, nominated and re-elected vice president of North Carolina. Mrs. Alice Gaillard Palmer of Charleston, nominated and re-elected vice-president of South Carolina. Miss Missie Ault of Knoxville, nominated and re-elected vice president of Tennessee. Mrs. Sterling Robertson of Waco, nominated and re-elected vice president of Texas. Mrs. Shelton Chieves of Petersburg, nominated and elected vice president of Virginia.

Nominations for Recording Secretary being in order, Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson was nominated and re-elected.

Nominations being in order for Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sue H. Walker was nominated, but declined the nomination, for three years, as other duties connected with the St. Louis Fair for the State of Arkansas would conflict with the office of secretary. The convention requested Miss Walker to reconsider, but she declined. Mrs. Geo. A. Williams of New Orleans, was then nominated and unanimously elected corresponding secretary.

Nominations being in order for a Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Gascoigne Wright of Vicksburg, Mississippi, was nominated and elected treasurer.

Miss Mary A. Hall of Augusta, Georgia, was nominated and elected Historian. The secretary was then authorized to cast the vote of the convention.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers for efficient services during their term of office.

Mr. Cunningham of the Confederate Veterans was given the courtesy of the floor. He expressed much pleasure, relative to the decision of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, in the adoption of the "Veteran" as the organ of the Association.

A resolution was offered by Mrs. Alden McLellan, that the convention express regrets because of the illness of Miss Rosa Lobrano.

The President thanked Mrs. Theodore Berkson and Miss Rose Lobrano for the beautiful bouquets sent to the desk.

The report of the Resolution Committee was then read by Mrs. Lizzie Pollard, the Chairman, and adopted by a rising vote, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, in response to the cordial invitation of the citizens of New Orleans the United Confederate Veterans and Confederate Southern Memorial Association are here assembled in reunion; the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, realizing the generous hospitality and delicate and timely courtesies it has hourly received, and appreciating the hearty welcome by which it was greeted at the very threshold of your beautiful city, the welcome that came fluttering from waving flags and flying pennon, flashed from

myriads of blazing lights, that was wafted by the fragrant breath of flowers from every bud and blossom, does hereby resolve:

To express its grateful appreciation of the kindness of the officers and members of the Continental Guards in granting it the use of these spacious apartments during its session. It also gratefully acknowledges its obligations to the representatives of the press, who have so patiently, carefully, correctly and fully reported the work of these meetings;

That for the beautiful and impressive memorial service to our loved and lamented President Davis, held in Christ Church, Tuesday morning, this Association expresses heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in the arrangements; thanks for the handsome decorations, for the scholarly and eloquent tribute by Rev. A. Gordon Blakewell, and for the beautiful music, so sweet, that angels must have poised upon their wings to listen;

That our thanks be extended to the fair young girls of St. Simeon's Orchestra, and all connected with it; and to all whose music, vocal or instrumental, added to the pleasure of the sessions;

Resolved, That we are exceedingly grateful to New Orleans Chapter, No. 72, United Daughters of the Confederacy, for the many pleasures afforded us, for numerous courtesies offered; for the welcome extended us through their representative, and the beautiful tribute paid to the women of our Association for their faithfulness and devotion; and that we offer our tenderest sympathy to the president of Chapter 72, Mrs. Freret, in her bereavement;

That we gratefully acknowledge the consideration shown to the Confederate Southern Memorial Association by the United Confederate Veterans and Sons of the Veterans, and the kindness of the ministers who lent their presence to our morning services, and to the Mayor for granting us so heartily the freedom of the city;

That the New Orleans Street Railway Company gave us a long-to-be-remembered pleasure in a ride over the whole city, for which we offer sincere thanks;

That we will gratefully treasure the memory of the visit to the Confederate Soldiers' Home, the many courtesies received from Board of Directors, and the elegant luncheon served us. We truly commend the good work of making comfortable the last days of these Veterans, who lost all but life in the vain struggle;

Resolved, That we express to the bereaved family of Gen. Moorman our sorrow at his death and our sympathy for the lonely widow in her grief, and the son in his irreparable loss. We will ever remember Gen. Moorman as a good and helpful friend to the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, and would be recreant indeed did we not weave for him a chaplet of sweet and tender memories;

That with the different memorial associations which have mourned the loss of any of their members, we join our sorrow;

Resolved, That we express our appreciation and approbation of the wise and faithful administration of the officers of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association. They have by careful and painstaking

labor gathered fifty-five associations into this federation; have infused new life into local Memorial Association everywhere. Whatever of success and recognition may come to the Confederate Southern Memorial Association in the future, we will look back with gratitude and accord a full meed of praise to our first officers, those whose hands were first upon oar and rudder, who with wisdom and courage guided our frail barque through the shallows, over the breakers, into the smooth sea;

That to the executive committee of this Reunion, whose generous appropriation of funds has enabled the various committees to do such effective work, we owe many thanks; and to the pages who so kindly and graciously served us. Indeed, to every citizen who aided in making this Reunion one that will abide in our hearts a sweet and precious memory, we are grateful.

Resolved, That to the members of the Ladies' Memorial Association of New Orleans, who opened so wide their hearts to us, whose hands have administered to our every need; whose unstinted hospitality has made our sojourn in this city so delightful, we turn with a gratitude too deep and tender for words. We have been brought to a fuller understanding of the universal brotherhood of mankind, and a sweeter, purer incense of gratitude arises from our hearts.

We come into your city as strangers, we go hence as friends, asking that God be with you till we meet again. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ELIZABETH LYLE SAXON,

MRS. LIZZIE POLLARD,

MRS. C. W. P. BROCK,

Committee.

The report of the Springfield Memorial Association of Springfield, Missouri, was read by the Secretary, having arrived too late to be read with other reports.

After the reading of the Missouri report, the newly elected officers were brought to the platform and formally introduced to the convention. All business having been disposed of and the hour for the U. C. V. parade having arrived, a motion was made that the convention adjourn. This being the will of the convention, the President named the meeting place of the United Confederate Veterans, as the next meeting place of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, and declared the convention closed.

DAISY M. L. HODGSON,
Secretary.

12:30 P. M.—Souvenir cups presented and luncheon served at the Continental Guards' Armory, to the members of the Convention.

7 P. M.—Banquet at West End, by the New Orleans Chapter No. 72, United Daughters of the Confederacy, to the officers and delegates of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association.

Constitution.

PREAMBLE.

Believing that a Confederation of all constituted organization of Southern Memorial Associations or Confederate Memorial Associations, will perpetuate the cherished purposes that each body is singly laboring to carry out, and to more firmly establish the ties which already exist between them, we, the representatives of the following associations in general convention assembled at Louisville, Kentucky, on this 31st day of May, the year of our Lord 1900, do adopt, ordain and establish the following constitution and by-laws:

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

This Confederation of Southern or Confederate Memorial Associations shall be known as the CONFEDERATED SOUTHERN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

SECTION 1. The object and purpose of this Association shall be strictly memorial and historical. It will strive to unite in one general Confederation all Southern and Confederate Memorial Associations now in existence, or hereafter to be formed.

SEC. 2. The collection of relics and the preservation of the history of the Confederate soldiers engaged in war between the States from 1861-1865. To instill into the minds of children who are eligible, a

proper veneration for the spirit and glory that animated our Confederate soldiers, and the cause for which they fought, and to bring them into association with our organizations, that they may aid us in accomplishing our objects and purposes, and finally succeed us and take up our work when we may leave it.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP REQUISITES.

SECTION 1. Membership in this Confederation shall be by associations. They will be permitted to retain their State and local organization, and beyond the requirements of this constitution and by-laws, they shall have full enjoyment of the right to govern themselves, and their connection with this Confederation shall in no wise be construed as affecting their loyalty to their local organization. That their constitution and by-laws do not conflict with the constitution and by-laws of this Confederation, and each association shall pay in advance an annual fee of \$2.00 to the general treasury.

SEC. 2. An association merging into another general organization shall forfeit its membership in the CONFEDERATED SOUTHERN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Representation of the various associations at the annual meetings shall be by delegates; each association in good standing shall be entitled to two delegates; voting by proxy shall be confined to delegates, each delegate carrying the proxy from her own association only.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. Officers of this Confederation shall be a President, a Vice-President from each State represented, a Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and a Historian, who shall hold office for the term of three years, or until their successors are elected, and are required to perform such duties as are prescribed by the By-Laws adopted by this Confederation. Elections to take place at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

BADGE.

SECTION 1. The badge of this Confederation shall be

SEC. 2. *Memorial Day.* This Confederation shall religiously observe the celebration of Memorial Day. Each association shall have full authority to designate its own.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. This Confederation may from time to time enact such By-Laws for its government as it may deem best and proper, not in conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution shall only be altered, revised or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at an annual meeting of this Confederation, provided a copy of such alterations, revisions or amendments proposed shall have been sent to each association at least three months in advance of the annual meeting.

B Y - L A W S.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP BY ASSOCIATION.

SECTION I. Application of associations for membership shall be made through the President or one of the Vice-Presidents of the CONFEDERATED SOUTHERN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION, upon blanks furnished by the President.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers shall be by ballot and determined by a majority of the votes cast.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION I. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Confederation, to decide questions of order, to give the casting vote on any question on which there may be a tie, to approve all bills, call special meetings and to perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to discharge the functions of the President in her absence.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep full and correct minutes of all the meetings of the Association, and have charge of all documents and papers belonging to the Association.

SEC. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Association, including the issuance of notices of meetings, which shall be sent

only to associations appearing in good standing on the books of the Treasurer.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and other moneys coming to the Association, keeping proper accounts thereof. She shall at each meeting of the Association furnish the Secretary with a correct list of the Associations in good standing at that date, which shall constitute the roll of associations for said meeting. She shall pay all bills properly approved by the President, or the committee incurring the debt. She shall notify of their delinquency, sixty days before an annual meeting, all associations in arrears.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

The time and place of the annual meeting of this Association shall be the same as that of the annual meeting of the U. C. V.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION I. For the ordinary business of the Association, seven delegates, including the President or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall be recognized as a quorum.

ARTICLE VI.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION I. At the annual meeting of the Association, the following order of business shall be observed:

First.—Prayer.

Second.—Reading of minutes of previous meeting and their approval.

Third.—Reports of Officers and Standing Committees.

Fourth.—Reports of Select Committees.

Fifth.—Unfinished Business.

Sixth.—New Business.

SEC. 2. All reports of the Committees shall be presented in writing.

ORIGINAL SIGNERS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Mrs. Katie Walker Behan.

Mrs. J. D. Walker.

Mrs. M. Louise Benton Graham.

Miss Daisy M. L. Hodgson.

Miss Lucy Marshall Smith.

Mrs. R. J. McGowan.

Mrs. Jennie Edwards.

Mrs. J. T. McTeer.

Mrs. Theodosia Worthington Valliant.

Miss Julia A. Garside.

Miss Sue H. Walker.

Mrs. Jos. R. Davis.

Mrs. W. E. Badger.

Mrs. Shelton Chieves.

Miss Minnie Baughman.

Mrs. David C. Richardson.

Mrs. Lizzie C. Daniel.

Mrs. M. E. Lloyd.

Mrs. N. V. Randolph.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATIONS OF THE SOUTH.

ENROLLED IN THE CONFEDERATED SOUTHERN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Southern Memorial Ass'n.....	Fayetteville, Ark.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Montgomery, Ala.
Wilcox Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....	Camden, Ala.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....	Gainesville, Ala.
Southern Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....	Florence, Ala.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....	Boligee, Ala.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....	Union Springs, Ala.
White House of the Confederacy.....	Montgomery, Ala.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....	Pensacola, Fla.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n.....	Quincy, Fla.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Atlanta, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Augusta, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Columbus, Ga.
Marietta Memorial Ass'n.....	Marietta, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Waynesboro, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Albany, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Athens, Ga.
Washington Memorial Ass'n.....	Washington, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Resaca, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Brunswick, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n. of Morgan Co....	Madison, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Rome, Ga.
Hancock Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Sparta, Ga.
Sandersville Memorial Ass'n	Sanderaville, Ga.
Americus Memorial Ass'n.....	Americus, Ga.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n	Thomson, Ga.

Eliza Easton Shannon Memorial Ass'n View, Ky.
Ladies' Confederate Memorial Ass'n .. New Orleans, La.
Junior Confederate Memorial Ass'n .. New Orleans, La.
Jefferson Davis Monument Ass'n New Orleans, La.
Southern Memorial Ass'n Baton Rouge, La.
Confederate Cemetery Mem. Ass'n.... Vicksburg, Miss.
Beauvoir Home Memorial Ass'n..... Greenwood, Miss.
Jefferson Davis Home Memorial Ass'n..... Biloxi, Miss.
Confederate Memorial & Literary Society.. St Louis, Mo
Sterling Price Memorial Ass'n.... Jefferson City, Mo.
State Monument Memorial Ass'n .. Springfield, Mo.
Blandford Memorial Ass'n..... Mexico, Mo.
Cape Girardeau Memorial Ass'n...Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Nevada Confederate Memorial Ass'n ... Nevada, Mo.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n Raleigh, N. C.
Beaufort County Memorial Ass'n.... Washington, N. C.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n Fort Mill, S. C.
Ladies' Confederate Memorial Ass'n Charleston, S. C.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n Knoxville, Tenn.
Ladies' Confederate Memorial Ass'n ... Memphis, Tenn.
Southern Mothers Memphis, Tenn.
Sul Ross Memorial Ass'n..... Waco, Texas.
Confederate Mem. & Literary Society.... Richmond, Va.
Hollywood Memorial Ass'n Richmond, Va.
Junior Hollywood Memorial Ass'n Richmond, Va.
Oakwood Memorial Ass'n Richmond, Va.
Junior Oakwood Memorial Ass'n Richmond, Va.
Warren Memorial Ass'n Front-Royal, Va.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n Petersburg, Va.
Manassas Memorial Ass'n Manassas, Va.
Lynchburg Confederate Mem. Ass'n... Lynchburg, Va.
Ladies' Memorial Ass'n Danville, Va.
Memorial Aid Ass'n Portsmouth, Va.
New Market Memorial Ass'n Lexington, Va.
Stonewall Memorial Ass'n Winchester, Va. B #